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## THE FREAKS COME OUT AT NIGHT...



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Elvira Mistress of the Dark joins her ghoulish friends for a night of terror at Knott's Scary Farm's 26th annual Halloween Haunt. For more Halloween festivities, check out our alternatives on STYLE, Page 4.

## Festival promotes diversity

**CAMPUS:** Indulge in cultural foods and traditions from over 43 countries at Santa Ana College's International Festival.

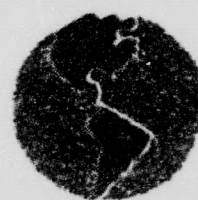
By Christyan Lopez  
el Don Staff Writer

Taste an array of traditional fare from around the globe and view some spectacular costumes, when the International Student Program hosts its 15th annual festival on Wednesday.

Some 43 countries will be represented at the midday event along the Santa Ana College mall from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

One of the most popular events of the year, people can interact and express their individuality through the festival known as a "cultural soup."

Students and staff have the unique chance to enhance their intercultural awareness and understanding through the sharing of artifacts, various



### FESTIVAL FACTS

- There will be food, costumes and entertainment from over 40 foreign countries.
- Two nations, the Congo and Mongolia join the festival for the first time in 1998.

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## CELEBRATING 83 YEARS

# WELCOME HOME

**CELEBRATION:** Halloween-themed events unite students and alumni during Homecoming Week.

By Brian McHorney  
el Don Staff Writer

Get out your red and black face paint, grab a pumpkin and prepare for Santa Ana College's 83rd Homecoming.

The Associated Student Government event will begin today with a caramel apple give-away

at the Johnson Center and end with the Homecoming football game against Golden West on Saturday, at 1 pm.

While it is more difficult for commuter students to participate in leisure activities at school, ASG has planned what they hope will be a fun-filled week.

"Homecoming is a chance for students and alumni to come together and celebrate as a group of people united with the common thread of education," said Esmeralda Quintero, ASG commissioner of Cultural Awareness.

Activities for the week-long

festivities include free food, a costume contest, BBQ, "Monster Mash" dance, and a spooktacular half-time show called "Monster Mash Wedding." Events are free for those students with valid student identification.

Reigning King Ramses Aguinaga, and Queen Sally Aguilar will pass their crowns and robes to this year's royal couple.

ASG President Luisa Ruiz said, "As president, I feel honored to take part in the 83rd Homecoming of this great college, and I will never forget where I came from."



## Homecoming Activities

**Oct. 26-** Caramel apples will be distributed from 1-2p.m. and from 5 to 6p.m. in the Johnson Center.

**Oct. 27-** Ice Cream Social from 12:30 to 2p.m., and Pizza 'n' Soda from 5 to 7p.m. in the gameroom.

**Oct. 28-** Scary BBQ from 11a.m. to 1p.m. in the Johnson Center.

**Oct. 29-** Trick or Treat to all

Johnson Center offices, from 12 to 2p.m. From 5 to 6:30p.m. a costume contest will be held in the gameroom. Donuts and coffee will be served from 5 to 7p.m. also in the gameroom.

**Oct. 30-** Pregame dance from 8p.m. to midnight on the second floor of the Johnson Center

**Oct. 31-** Homecoming football game, Eddie West Field, 1p.m.



## Culture:

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food, dress, and entertainment.

Carmelita Eustaquio, program specialist at the International Student office said, "It's like having an opportunity to see the entire world in one day."

Participating campus clubs will compete for prizes from some eight award categories, including cultural display, entertainment, and national dress.

International Cuisine will also be judged. Each category has specific criteria and presentations will be judged by a panel made up of members of faculty, staff, and administrators.

The festival represents numerous geographic regions, including Australia, Czechoslovakia, and Zimbabwe.

And for the first time, Congo and Mongolia will participate in the festivities this year.

The International Business and International Student offices are also sponsoring a student essay writing contest on what the United States can learn from another country.

Winners will be announced during the closing ceremony in the Amphitheater, from 1 to 2 p.m.

Professor Glenn A. Doolittle, Jr, a veteran festival judge said, "I think it's a tremendous learning experience and resource to have the diversity of students that we have."

## IN THE SPOTLIGHT

# Physical limits test emotional boundaries

On campus programs target advancement of disabled students

By Jo Martin  
el Don Staff Writer

Freddy Rivera is frustrated.

He deals with the same types of obstacles at Santa Ana College almost every day.

His muscular arms tug at the wheels attached to his chair as he slowly rolls toward an automatic door. The door is out of service.

Rivera backs up and positions himself near a cluster of students entering the building through the manual door - hoping to roll through it before it slams shut.

Inside, the classrooms aren't much better. Narrow aisles most often leave handicapped students sitting on the fringes or stuck in the back, isolated from their peers and their instructors. And this doesn't compare to the inconvenience of using the bathrooms.

"Students change for gym in the handicap stalls and we can't use them," Rivera said, "and the C-building is the only one with a mirror and sink for disabled men."

Rivera is a muscular 36-year-old Santa Ana College student with spina-bifida - a congenital condition that pre-

### RESOURCES FOR THE DISABLED AT SAC

●**Physical Disabilities Program**-allows students with mobility, visual or other disabilities to participate in campus activities. Services include: wheelchair loans, special parking, and gate/elevator passes.

●**Communications Disabilities Center**-provides classes and services for students with speech, language or hearing difficulties. The Hearing Impaired program offers students assistance with note-taking and interpreting.

●**Learning Disabilities Program**-helps students who have average or above learning potential, but exhibit severe learning difficulties. Services include assessment, instruction and counseling.

●**Other programs include:** the Acquired Brain Injury Program and the Psychological Disabilities Program. For information contact the Disabled Students Center at 564-6295.

vented the fusion of his spinal column during development - but he keeps a sense of humor and is active in the college's diversified physical education program for the disabled.

Georgeann Mock, a student with a motorized wheelchair and oxygen tank, has taken action. She vied for a seat in Associated Student Government.

"I ran for senator for humanities in social science to get a voice heard - and I got it," Mock said.

With the help of the Disabled Students Center, Mock and others have received the support they need.

Even now, the college struggles with designing structures that are

easily accessible to disabled students.

"...The Cesar Chavez building has one elevator at one end of a very long building," Mock said. "It didn't have an automatic door until Mary Majors, coordinator of the Disabled Students Center, complained about it."

"In 1969 the first handicap program began at a community college," Mary Majors said. "Students here wanted a program and hassled the administration until they got it."

The administration proposed a budget in 1973 then advertised for a coordinator and hired Majors.

"The chancellor's office sup-

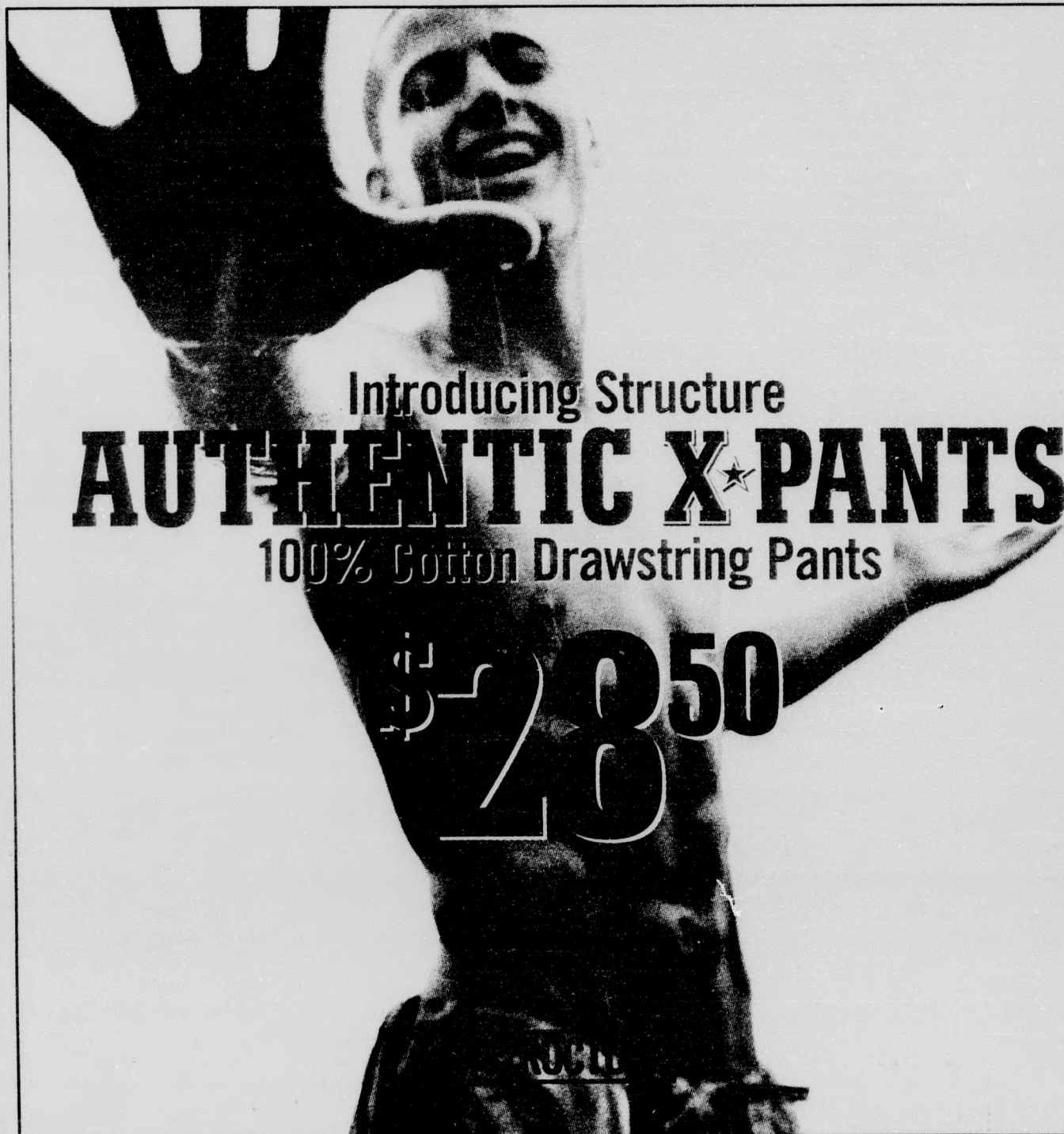
ported us even before state money came. Not many others got this kind of support," Majors said.

After stumbling through a myriad of problems the first year, Majors found that the state wanted a list of needs before they would allocate funds. "The second year we had our list ready," she said.

Two years ago the program expanded to Santiago Canyon College and is headed by Lucy Carr-Rollett.

Fifteen Santa Ana College students recently petitioned the ASG to form the club "Hephaestus" - A Greek god who was lame and awkward - to encourage both handicapped and non-handicapped students to interact and develop understanding.

Funds are still needed to improve the environment for the disabled, but the college has taken steps in its sensitivity with the implementation of improvements and its programs for the handicapped, Rivera said. "The facilities are not fantastic, but OK."



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# TRAGIC ENDING

On a bitter October night, Matthew Shepard was beaten and left to die - the victim of a hate crime.

By Julia Prodis  
Special to the el Don

The warning came just hours before it happened.

"Be careful. Watch your back. Be alert," Jim Osborne told Matthew Shepard and the dozen other University of Wyoming students attending a gay club meeting. A student had singled out Osborne and thrown a punch at him as he walked across campus earlier in the day.

That message didn't scare Shepard, a native of the Cowboy State. He was determined to go out to the Fireside Lounge that night.

Ignoring their reminder about safety in numbers, Shepard stepped into the shivering night, the coldest of the season.

It was on that night that

Shepard, just 5-foot-2 and not much more than 100 pounds, was brutally killed.

Sitting in the Albany County Jail are two Laramie High School dropouts - Aaron McKinney, 22, and Russell Henderson, 21 - both responsible for his death.

Both young men grew up in Laramie, and according to some of their friends, they were troublemakers.

McKinney's mother died during surgery when he was a teenager, and he received a substantial settlement in a wrongful-death claim. He dressed in "gangsta" clothes, wearing baggy pants and plaid shirts buttoned to the top.

McKinney and his girlfriend, Kristin Price, lived in a ramshackle house divided into apartments. They have a 4-month-old son.

Last year, he was arrested

and accused of stealing \$2,500 from the Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurant where he worked.

Police say McKinney and Henderson lured Shepard out of the Fireside Lounge by telling him they were gay and drove him out to a barren patch of land just east of town.

They pistol whipped him and bound his wrists to the wooden cross-rail fence, police say.

Shepard wasn't found until the next evening. He died five days later in a Colorado hospital of massive head injuries.

McKinney and Henderson have been charged with first-degree murder. Their girlfriends have been charged as accessories after the fact and face up to three years in jail. Police say they concocted an alibi for the

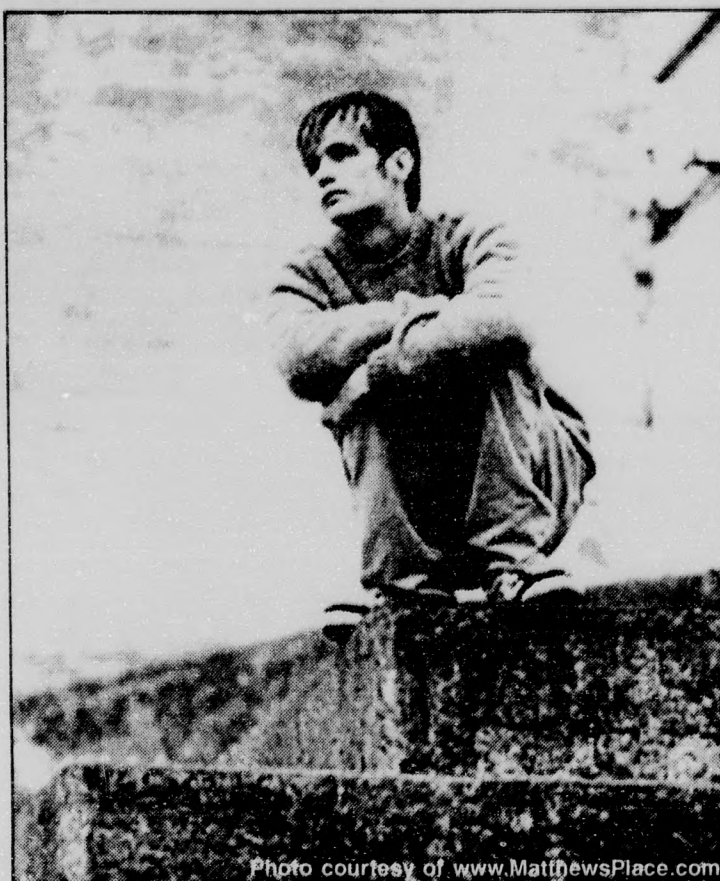


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Shepard was a Wyoming college student majoring in political science and foreign relations, with a minor in languages. His life was cut short, when he died of massive head injuries.

• For more on Shepard, see VIEWS, Page 6.

men and helped dispose of their bloody clothes.

"He (McKinney) was crying, and he kept throwing up," Price told ABC News' "20-20" show. The men could face the death penalty if convicted.

Friday, the day of Shepard's funeral in his

hometown of Casper, the first blizzard of the season hit. It dumped 10 inches of snow and closed Wyoming's two major interstates.

In Laramie, snow piled on the fence where Shepard had been bound. A rosary hangs there now, dangling in the bitter wind.

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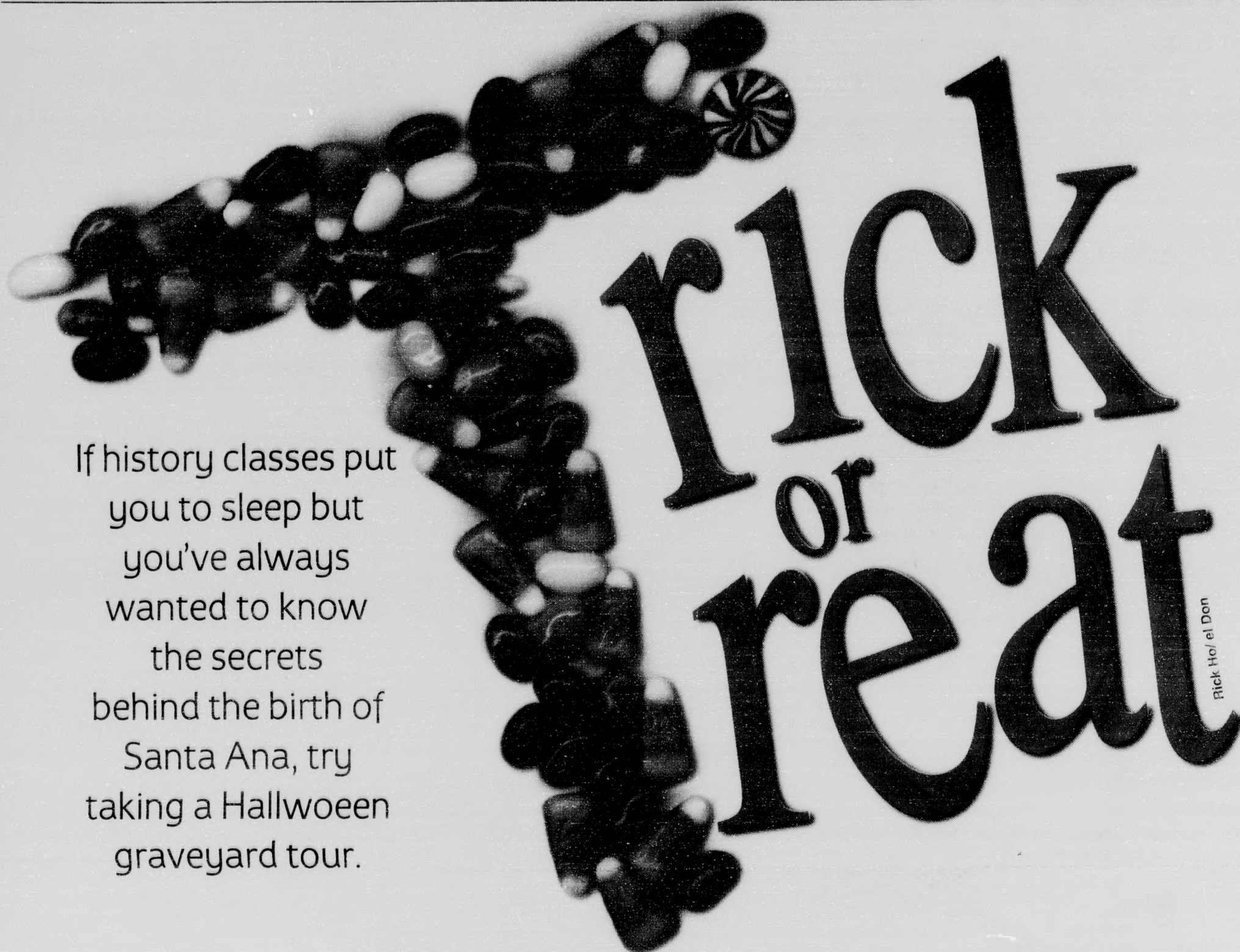
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If history classes put you to sleep but you've always wanted to know the secrets behind the birth of Santa Ana, try taking a Halloween graveyard tour.

By Michael Ziobrowski  
el Don Staff Writer

It's not another *Night of the Living Dead* sequel, but *Tales from the Tomb: a cemetery tour*, is sure to raise a few bodies from their peaceful resting-places.

On Halloween afternoon, the Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society will help bring life to the deceased pioneers of Santa Ana's past.

Beginning in the 109-year-old Victorian style home of the long since deceased, Dr. Willella Howe-Waffle, members of the Orange County Society of Psychic Research will give psychic readings and measure the spiritual and paranormal vibrations in the home. Guests will hear haunting stories about the home and the city in which it stands.

The next stop will be Santa Ana Cemetery, founded in the 1870s, and Fairhaven Cemetery, built in 1911.

A live Dixieland band from McFadden Middle School will play as patrons are led on a tour of the grounds by ghoulish guides to view tombstones and hear more tales of the specters and ghosts that roam the Santa Ana Valley.

Actors from Santa Ana and Century High Schools, Orange County Crazies and Stages of Anaheim will don period clothing and act out scenes from the past, providing tour-goers with a visual experience of these ghostly tales. Professional scriptwriters also help lend some spice to these true tales.

Stories will reveal the mysteries surrounding the families whose names adorn the street signs of Tustin, Santa Ana, Irvine and Orange.

Discover how Theo "Budge" Lacy, Jr.

punished the 20s actress Bebe Daniels when she was arrested for speeding.

Tales of sightings of the Yorba family, riding in their carriage across the 5 Freeway on misty Santa Ana mornings will bring chills to your spine.

Learn about the birth of Santa Ana when Jacob Ross, Sr. deeded 74 downtown acres to W.H. "Uncle Billy" Spurgeon for \$8 and acre.

Uncover the secrets of Columbus Tustin's gravesite. Does his body really lie beneath his tombstone?

Find out which of the three Rueter brothers was murdered outside the local dance hall and why.

"We want to let people know that history can be interesting and fun," said Preservation Society president, Alison Young.

This is the society's first year conducting the tour and expectations are high. These tours will help the Society purchase the mortgage on the Howe-Waffle home, which has been threatened with demolition twice in its history.

Besides the Howe-Waffle home, there are over 100 historically significant buildings in Santa Ana.

Funds raised by the Society through this tour and other shows will help to save and restore these buildings.

The Society plans to continue on with a tour every Halloween, with next years theme being stories of the military heroes and vets that are buried in Santa Ana and Fairhaven Cemeteries.

*Tales from the Tomb* will run Saturday, Oct. 31 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Tickets are available pre-sale at \$8 or \$10 on arrival. For more information please call 547-9645.

## Other local haunts

### Knott's Scary Farm's 26th Annual Halloween Haunt

Ghouls, goblins and monsters wreak havoc and chaos on unsuspecting bystanders. Knott's Berry Farm trades in its jelly stands for ten frightening walk and ride-through attractions, two "scare zones" and seven freakish shows. It runs from Oct. 28 thru 31 and Nov. 1 from 7 p.m. to 2 a.m. Tickets are \$34 if bought in advance and \$39 purchased the day of the event. For more information call (714) 220-5200.

### Universal Studios Hollywood's Halloween Horror Nights II

Film maker and master of fright Clive Barker lends his haunting skills to Universal Studios Hollywood for its second year of Halloween Horror Nights. The creator of *Hellraiser* and *Candyman* has created "Clive Barker's Freakz," a personal horror show. It runs from Oct. 29 thru 31, 7 p.m to 1 a.m. General admission is \$34 and advance tickets are \$24. For more information call (818) 622-3801.

### Six Flags Magic Mountain's 1998 Fright Fest

An enormous 50-foot spider attacks guests as they ride the wooden roller coaster Colossus backwards at Fright Fest. Skeletons, spiders and ghosts transform Six Flags Magic Mountain, one of California's largest theme parks, into a Halloween fun zone for the entire family. It runs Oct. 30 and 31 from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. General admission is \$36. For more information call (805) 255-4111.



# Beyond the valley of the dolls



Barbie and Ken they're not. Chucky is back and this time he is reunited with the former love of his life, Tiffany, who rescues him and brings him back to life.

**THE SCREEN:** Innocent looking toys turn psychotic and go on a bloody rampage in *Bride of Chucky*.

By Randy Scott  
el Don Sports Editor

Some say the best way to get into the Halloween spirit is to buy the perfect costume or distribute enough candy to keep neighborhood goblins on eternal sugar highs.

But perhaps the best way to celebrate Halloween is to go out and see a gore-filled, bloody slasher flick.

Among this year's selection of horror movies is *Bride of Chucky*, the fourth film in the *Child's Play* saga of a demented serial killer trapped in the body of a doll.

However, this movie is far from typical. This time around, Chucky (voiced by Brad Dourif) isn't alone on his killing spree.

Screenwriter and executive producer Don Mancini, who created the *Child's Play* series 10 years ago, has re-defined the film's concept.

Instead of a horror film, Mancini has made *Bride of Chucky* more of an action-comedy thriller with a great deal of blood on the side.

The story begins after Chucky is chopped into pieces at the end of *Child's Play 3*.

The dismembered doll lies in a police station for several years until Chucky's ex-girlfriend, Tiffany, gains possession of him. She puts the doll back together and brings her love back to life.

After a violent lovers quarrel, Chucky kills Tiffany and puts her soul in a doll.

Now the couple has to find their way to Chucky's corpse in New Jersey. It was buried with an amulet that has the power to pass the souls of the dolls into someone else's bodies.

The two manage to hitch a ride with newlyweds Jade (Katherine Heigl) and Jesse (Nick Stabile) who have problems of their own.

Bribing the couple with \$1,000 to transport them, the dolls go on a killing spree while protecting the couple from the law.

Director Ronny Yu brought a bit of his "Hong Kong attitude" to the look of this film, resulting in stunning visuals and highly detailed, bloody death scenes.

With the added element of comedy, *Bride of Chucky* is not only shocking, but hilarious. The blood and gore is matched by the flat out funny portions of the film.

This double barreled attack works very well and earns *Bride of Chucky* two severed thumbs up.

Rated: R

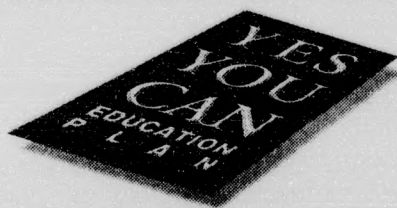
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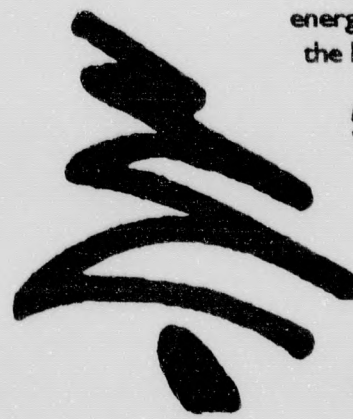
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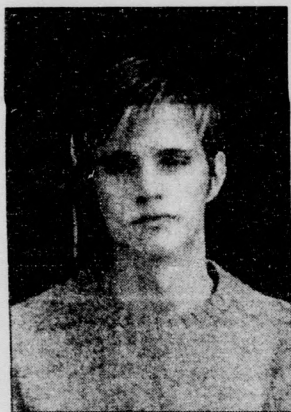
There's supposed to be peace in death, but maybe that only applies to heterosexuals.

Despite his family's request, protestors showed up for the funeral of Matthew Shepard, the 21-year-old Wyoming college student who was brutally beaten to death because he happened to be gay.

A cluster of people stood across the street from the church where the funeral took place on Oct. 16. Many carried signs that contained anti-gay messages. One sign read, "Matt in Hell."

How could any person be so insensitive? His murder was sickening, but those who came to his funeral to protest are the most appalling.

Others have, and continue to mock the death of Shepard. While he lay comatose in a hospital suffering from massive head trauma, a Colorado State University fraternity homecoming float depicted a scarecrow with a sign on it that



Matthew Shepard

read, "I'm gay." This was a sick rendition of the scarecrow-like position that a nearly dead Shepard had been found in by two bike riders who came across his body.

Despite a general outcry of injustice by the public, Congress will probably not pass a hate crime bill that would broaden the protections of preexisting federal hate crime laws to include homosexuals.

It's ludicrous that there is debate over passing a hate crime bill. Heterosexual or homosexual, black or white, woman or man, regardless of religious background - we're all humans. Personal politics shouldn't interfere in a matter like this.

Humans deserve to be treated with love and respect. It's a concept so basic, yet seemingly so hard to practice for some.

Just because someone chooses to love another of the same sex doesn't mean that those rights can be revoked.

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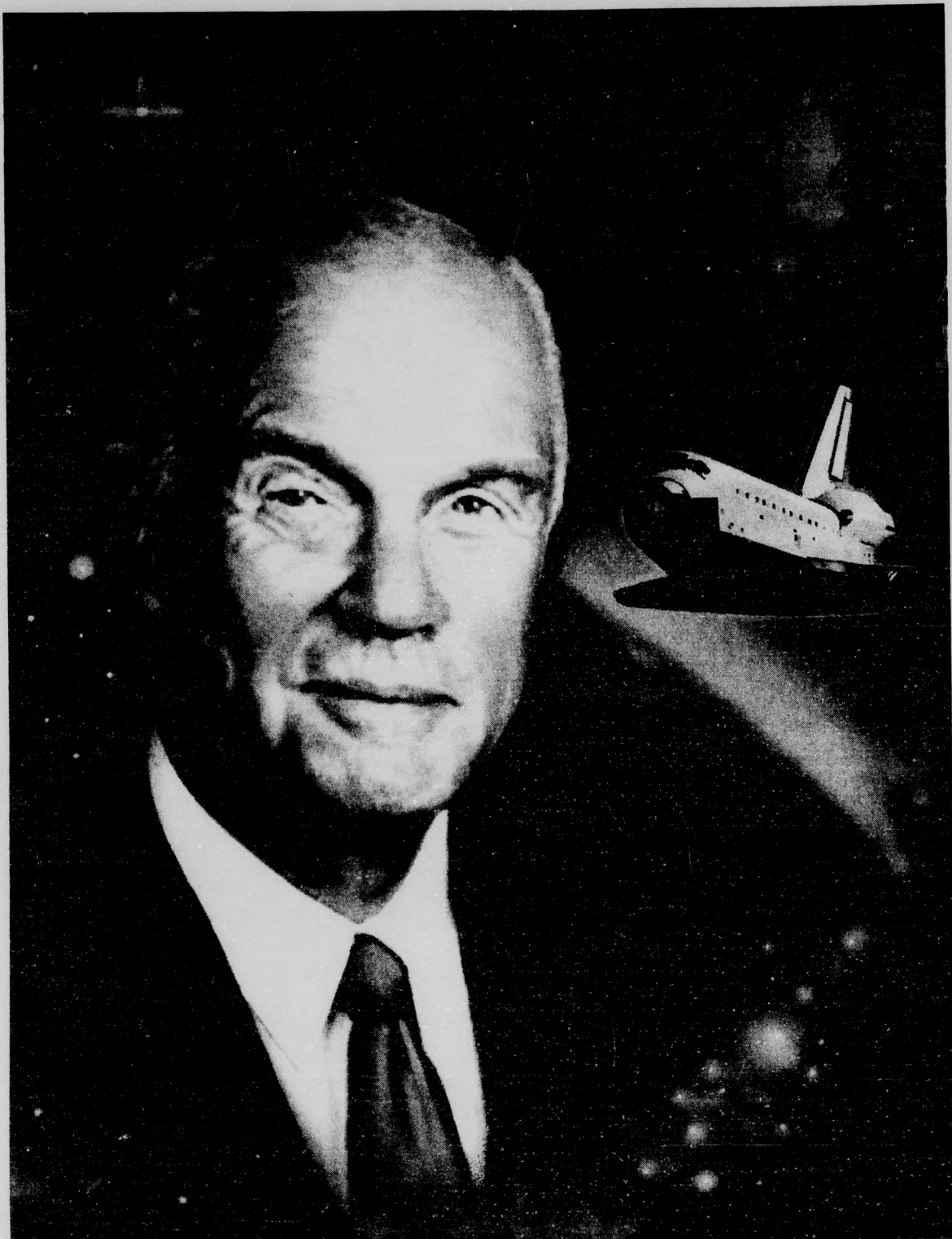


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My  
VIEWSGrandpa Glenn should suit-up  
for Space Mountain not space

This week, former astronaut John Glenn gears for one last ride into space. Forgive me if I don't join the bandwagon of sentimentality.

By Alesa Kerr  
el Don Views Editor

Geriatric Senator John Glenn has finally gotten his way. After whining loud enough and long enough, the Ohio native has convinced NASA to send him on an all expense paid (well, taxpayer's paid) vacation to outer space.

The soon to be retired senator blasts off on Thursday for a nine day mission that will make him the oldest man ever in space at age 77.

Glenn became the first American to orbit the Earth back in 1962 aboard the Friendship 7 capsule. After his victorious return, he lobbied for 18 months to go up again, but was denied. Gee, a whole 18 months. What dedication.

President Kennedy realized that the astronaut legend was more valuable on the ground as a national hero than he would be if he were to return to space and risk being injured or killed. In frustration, the pouty astronaut quit the space program.

Some contend that we now owe a return trip to this American symbol. I don't begrudge the fact that he is a hero. Back in 1962 the only important experiment of the flight was whether or not he would make it back home alive. But the fact remains that he's already gone to space. He's also been a hero - a national icon beloved by the masses, and a US Senator. Yeah, that sounds like a real tough life. We really should compensate this man.

Glenn's ruse is more transparent than one of

those red "Baywatch" bathing suits. For years now he has idled away his time in politics until he could conveniently sneak his way aboard a space shuttle with as little effort as possible. Now, under the guise of studying the effects of aging and space travel on the elderly, the aged Tang drinker has weaseled his way aboard on a wave of sentiment, a technicality of age and a 'NASA owes it to the poor old man' campaign. Nobody faults a man facing retirement with trying to find something exciting to do. But space travel? I know plenty of good bingo parlors and shuffle board games that we could ship Glenn to.

You'd think that NASA would have enough sense to at least call this what it is - a nice PR stunt. You would also think that large people wouldn't wear spandex, but NASA actually has the gall to say that its intentions are scientific. If it is important to learn the effects of aging in space, shouldn't we send a woman? The last time I checked, women live longer than men.

I wonder if we couldn't find something better to study than a 77-year-old man doing somersaults in zero gravity. The only amazing thing about this experiment is that viagra isn't somehow involved.

If Glenn wants a thrill we should send him to Space Mountain, not space. I'd even chip-in to send the man to space camp. It would cost a lot less to us taxpayers and would be much more deserving of a man who has already had his day in the sun.



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# Sports

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SANTA ANA COLLEGE el Don

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## The Facts

### Who:

In their last six games, the team has scored 30 goals while giving up only five.

### When:

The next game is against Fullerton College.

### Where:

Game at FCC, starts at 3:00 p.m.



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The team gathers to congratulate Keith Buckley after making a goal. The Dons went on to defeat Orange Coast College, 3-1.

## Tradition of excellence holds true

By Randy Scott  
el Don Sports Editor

Mens soccer is on their way to their fifth straight Orange Empire Conference championship and nothing would please J.P. Frutos more. Frutos enters his 16<sup>th</sup> year as the coach of the team. Under his guidance the team has captured nine conference titles in the last 15 seasons.

"What I wanted to do the most is have a consistent program," said Frutos.

The Dons (13-1-2 overall, 5-0-1 in conference) are ranked second in the state and first in Southern

California in the latest coaches poll. The team now enters a tough portion of the schedule as conference play winds down.

Santa Ana will be tested as they travel to Fullerton College on Tuesday and host Irvine Valley College on Friday. Frutos stressed the importance of these games.

"Our performance this week will be the key to the season," said Frutos. "After that, nothing else will be in our way."

The Dons have a talented group of young players that excel at all facets of the game. The team is solid both offensively and defensively as they have battered the opposition from one end of the field to the other.

Leading the attack is freshman Tomas Serna. He leads the team with 25 goals but is quick to give credit to his teammates.

"We have great play makers who give me the opportunities to score," said Serna.

At the other end of the field is Andres Arroyo, whom his teammates call the team's best sweeper.

The goal that Frutos set 15 years ago has become reality. The coach doesn't see anything changing in the near future.

"I don't see our season ending very soon," said Frutos. "And next year the team will be even better."

With much of the team returning, he may be right.

## THE DON REPORT



### Dons walk plank in loss to Pirates

The men's water polo team took a dive last Wednesday against Orange Coast College, losing 13-7 to the Pirates.

It was a close match through the first three periods, with OCC holding a 7-4 advantage. But the Pirates blew the game wide open in the fourth period, scoring three straight goals to take a 10-4 lead.

Santa Ana would mount a comeback later in the period, but would fall short as the Pirates scored another goal to put the game out of reach.

Water polo returns to action on Wednesday when the Dons travel to Riverside City College. The team then will compete in the Saddleback Tournament on Friday and Saturday.

If the team is going to turn this season around, this week would be a pretty good start.

-Randy Scott



## THE FACTS

### Who:

The team is gearing up for regionals.

### When:

The next match is against Cerritos College on Oct. 28.

### Where:

At home, 7:30 p.m.

### Dons overpower Victory Valley Rams

The wrestling team pounded an understaffed Victory Valley College team 47-9 last Wednesday night.

Santa Ana College took advantage of several forfeits by the Rams to pad the score, but had the match won already.

The victory was much needed by the Dons as they try to increase their ranking for the South regionals next month.

Nick Bradley had one of the most impressive victories of the night as he kept his opponent down on the mat for most of the match. The team showed the growth they have made this year and that they can compete with the big guns in the conference.

On Wednesday the team will be tested by a tough Cerritos squad, but after this hard fought victory, the Dons look more than up to the task.

-Randy Scott



## THE FACTS

### Who:

Their next game is the midpoint of conference play.

### When:

Their next match is against Fullerton College on Oct. 28.

### Where:

At home, 7 p.m.

### Golden West spikes Santa Ana

Lady Dons Volleyball learned a lesson in how important height and experience are to this sport when they were swept last Wednesday by a tough Golden West College team 15-2, 15-3, 15-4.

The Rustlers were well prepared, scoring the first six points of the contest, taking the Dons out of their rhythm and setting the tone for the match.

Golden West had a height advantage as well as experience on their side which proved to be a deadly combination.

Santa Ana was never able to get into the match as Golden West got off to hot starts in the second and third games, including scoring the first 12 points in the third.

The Lady Dons rebounded to score four of the next five points to earn back some of their lost pride. It's a small victory, but one to build on.

-Randy Scott